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In Re the Application of:

ALBERT et al.

Serial No.: 09/430,412

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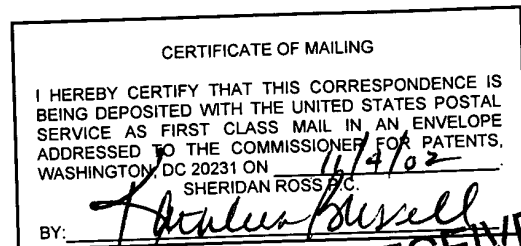
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For: "MUTATIONS OF THE 5' REGION
OF THE HUMAN 5-HT1A GENE,
ASSOCIATED PROTEINS OF THE
5' REGION AND A DIAGNOSTIC
TEST FOR MAJOR DEPRESSION
AND RELATED MENTAL ILLNESSES")

) Group Art Unit: 1647

) Examiner: Hayes, Robert Clinton

) RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION
) AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is filed in response to the Communication from the Examiner mailed October 2, 2002 regarding the Sequence Listing for the above-identified patent application. This response is believed to be timely and therefore, no fees are enclosed. In the event that fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Prior to the Examiner's review of the above-identified application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately following the title of the application, please add the following new subheading and paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/106,375, filed October 30, 1998.--

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